



Michigan Vital Records Research

Public Act 194 of 1867 established that Michigan townships and cities take an annual assessment of birth and deaths in Michigan, and also instituted a statewide registration for Michigan marriages. Prior to April 5, 1867, any vital records collected were maintained by the individual counties. In 1897, Michigan began a statewide registration for divorce.

Records at the Library of Michigan

from the Michigan Department of Community Health:

Births

Index (mfm F 565 .I5 1960) 1867-1915

Marriages

Index (mfm. F 565 .I54 1960) 1867-1921

Index (mfm F 565 .I54 1950) 1950-1969

Returns (mfm F 565 .I54 1867a) 1867-1925

Divorces

Index (mfm F 565 .D58) 1897-1969

Summary (mfm F 565 .D57 1897) 1897-1922

Deaths

Index (mfm F 565 .I53 1960) 1867-1914

Index (*available on Ancestry Library Edition*) 1971-1996

Returns (mfm F 565 .I53 1868) 1867-1897

To obtain other Michigan records

Contact the Michigan Department of Community Health, Division of Vital Records and Health Statistics, Vital Records Requests, 201 Townsend Street, P.O. Box 30721, Lansing, MI 48909, or telephone 517-335-8666.

Forms to order records from the Department of Community Health are available online at:
<http://michigan.gov/mdch>.

To obtain records from other states or other countries

The following books at the Genealogy Desk may be of assistance:

- *International Vital Records Handbook* by Thomas Jay Kemp (CS 42.7 .K46)
- *County Courthouse Book* by Elizabeth Petty Bentley (KF 8700 .Al9 B46)